

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

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SCRAP THE TAX CODE
COSPONSOR THE TAX CODE TERMINATION ACT

Dear Colleague:

Our nation watched as we recently ended another battle over our nation's tax-and-spend policies. While many Americans are now left trying to decipher how their taxes will be changing for the coming year, all Americans are, yet again, forced to comply with a tax code that is no longer working in a fair manner for our nation's citizens.

Our complex tax code leaves families with little incentive to save and invest. Many Americans look at the dim state of our economy, and the billions of their tax dollars that are being given to private businesses and they want to know why they cannot keep more of their hard earned tax dollars. This fiscal cliff debate has once again highlighted our need for comprehensive tax reform. For this reason, I have reintroduced the **Tax Code Termination Act** (H.R. 352).

Tax Code Termination Act will accomplish two goals. It will abolish the Internal Revenue Code by December 31, 2017, and call on Congress to approve a new federal tax system by July of the same year.

This legislation has already gained wide support in the 113th Congress with 70 bipartisan co-sponsors. You may be interested to know that similar legislation has passed the House of Representatives twice, first in 1998 and then in 2000. We must show the American people that Congress is serious about fundamental tax reform and urge the passage of this important legislation.

As recently shown, Congress will not reach a consensus on a contentious issue, such as tax reform, unless it is forced to do so. The Tax Code Termination Act will force Congress to finally debate and address fundamental tax reform and though many questions and ideas remain about the best way to reform our tax system, and I am certain that if Congress is forced to address the issue we can create a tax code that is simpler, fairer, and better for our economy than the one we are forced to comply with today.

I hope you will join me in supporting this legislation and putting an end to the broken tax system that exists in our country. If you have any questions or would like to cosponsor, please contact Lindsay Yates in my office at 5-5431 or lindsay.yates@mail.house.gov.

Sincerely,

Bob Goodlatte
Member of Congress